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motivation to replace the anti-immunoglobulin antibody that binds to B-cell surface immunoglobulins with any other binding portion. In addition, the Examiner contends that Fawell et al teaches the use of the HIV tat protein for cellular translocation and that Noguchi et al teaches the use of p53 as a candidate for T cell recognition.

Obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion or incentive to support the combination. The combined disclosures of the '323 patent, Fawell et al, and Noguchi et al do not teach or suggest Applicant's combination of elements.

Therefore, the rejection of rejected Claims 1, 2, 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious is improper and accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and Applicants' remarks, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

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